GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1703
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REGAINING CONTROL OVER MEMORIALS OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS
MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any steps to regain control over memorials of the freedom fighters (Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev) right now under Pakistan since 1971;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a to c) Yes Sir. The matter has been raised with Government of Pakistan. At present the monuments of the Freedom Fighters installed at Hussainiwala are replicas. The whereabouts of the original platform, which was taken away by Pakistan Army in December 1971, is not known.